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7. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language reference(s) appears in the Appendix attached hereto.

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11. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.

12. Other.

Respectfully submitted,

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